

Parent Bulletin, 18th September 2026



Events wc. 21st September 2026

Week B	
Monday 21 st September	
Tuesday 22 nd September	Year 10 Geography Field Trip to Stratford
Wednesday 23 rd September	Open Evening 5pm to 7pm
Thursday 24 th September	
Friday 25 th September	DofE Bronze Expedition

Message from the Principal

One of the things that makes Ormiston Endeavour Academy such a special place is the strength of our community. We are proud to be a school where young people, families and staff come together with a shared commitment to helping one another succeed.

At the heart of this is our value of kindness. Kindness is not simply about being polite. It is about showing respect, demonstrating empathy, supporting others and helping everyone feel that they belong. A strong sense of belonging is essential for young people to thrive, both academically and personally.

Of course, none of us are perfect. Young people sometimes get things wrong, and so do adults. What matters is how we respond. We learn from mistakes, take responsibility for our actions and work together to make things right.

The more we embody a culture of kindness every day, the stronger our community becomes. When kindness is the norm, unkind behaviour stands out and is less likely to be accepted or ignored. Our young people learn that they have a responsibility not only to treat others well themselves, but also to help create an environment where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

Thank you for the important part you play in reinforcing these values at home. By working together, we can continue to build a school community where every child feels they belong and where kindness remains at the centre of all we do.

LanguageNut Club

There will be a LanguageNut Club, starting on Thursday 24th September 3pm-4pm in room 2.12. This is open to all language students in Years 7-11. A chance to come along and complete French or Spanish homework set on LanguageNut or just a chance to deepen language knowledge, by playing games and completing cool language tasks to develop linguistic powers and trying to top our academy leaderboard! Let's go nuts!

Miss Cutting

Next week 21-26 September there is a whole school LanguageNut competition running to celebrate the European Day of Languages 2026 on 26th September. The competition is running for all students in the school, Year 7-11, French and Spanish. There will be prizes for the top 3 performers in each year group, along with certificates. Please encourage to your child(ren) to take part. They can also come along to the new LanguageNut club to play and boost their scores. Any issues with students not knowing their log in details, please ask them to find Mrs Cutting, who will be able to sort this out for them.

Supporting Young People's mental health Workshops - Psychology in Schools Team - NSFT

These free virtual workshops (Zoom) are designed to provide up to date advice and guidance on how parents and carers can support the young people in their life. The workshops are 60-75 minutes long. Scan the QR code to find out more and book a place on a workshop or visit <http://www.nsft.uk/workshops>.



Supporting Your Child/Young Person to Manage Their Big Feelings

As our children and young people grow, they experience many changes in themselves and the world around them. During this time, our children and young people feel a variety of feelings such as anxiety, which they do not know how to manage. We break down what leads our children and young people to have these feelings and ways in which we can support them to manage if they become overwhelmed. Tuesday 22nd September 12:00 PM – [BOOK HERE](#)

Supporting your Child/Young Person with Emotion Based School Avoidance (ESBA)

For parents/carers of children aged 11-16. This workshop focuses on supporting parents/carers to help their child to attend or get back to school. It aims to help parents/carers to develop an understanding of school avoidance and provides the tools that can be used to help your child feel confident in re-engaging with school. Tuesday 20th October 1:00 PM – [BOOK HERE](#)

Supporting Your Child/Adolescent with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)

This session covers: what OCD is, how it affects and impacts children and young people, how parents and carers can support their children/adolescents who might be struggling with OCD, and what further support is available. Thursday 19th November 1:15 PM - [BOOK HERE](#)

Understanding and Supporting Behaviour

Children and teenagers may show behaviours that are difficult for the adults around them, for example: aggression, risk-taking behaviours, impulsivity, testing boundaries and inattention. This workshop explores how to understand behaviour and how parents/carers can support their child with these behaviours which may stem from distress. Tuesday 15th December 12:00 PM - [BOOK HERE](#)

Girls Rugby



Home Start Hike

HOME START HIKE
KINGFISHER LEISURE CENTRE, SUDBURY
SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026
OPEN TO FAMILIES, INDIVIDUALS & TEAMS

FOUR ROUTES TO CHOOSE FROM

3 MILES	6 MILES	13 MILES*	26 MILES*
Child Ticket from £10	Adult Ticket from £15	Family Ticket from £45	Team Ticket - £120

*Age restrictions apply
Family ticket includes 2 adults and up to 3 children

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homestartsuffolk.org
Registered Charity No. 111080

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COME AND MEET
BLUEY THE DOG

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER
KINGFISHER LEISURE CENTRE, SUDBURY

A fun, family-friendly 3-mile trail, with a prize for every child!

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HOME START HIKE

The New Build Project

The new build project has started well, and it's great to see the construction area starting to take shape. Attached is a newsletter which explains progress so far and some information about the next stages and upcoming works.

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SITE NEWSLETTER

ORMISTON ENDEAVOUR ACADEMY

WHO ARE WE?
Barnes Construction operates throughout the country and this project is being managed and delivered out of the Ipswich Head Office.
To find out more information about Barnes Construction, please visit our website:
www.barnesconstruction.co.uk

CAR PARKING
Our sub-contractors have ample parking within the site compound area and are made aware at induction stage that there is to be no parking of contractor vehicles within the school site.

WORKING HOURS
Our normal working hours are 07:30 to 17:00 Monday to Friday. Weekends & Bank Holidays are non-working (unless specifically required).

HOW TO CONTACT US
Our nominated contact is Wayne Fleet.
Tel: 07918 674038
Wayne can be contacted during normal working hours.

WRITE TO US
Alternatively, you can write to us at our Head Office:
Barnes Construction
6 Bermuda Road
Ransomes Europark
Ipswich
Suffolk IP3 9RU

WELCOME FROM THE SITE TEAM
My name is Wayne Fleet and I am the Contracts Manager for the Ormiston Endeavour Academy project. I am part of the wider construction team responsible for delivering the works on site.
Barnes Construction have been appointed as the main contractor who are undertaking the works on site to construct the new teaching block and extended canopy within the school grounds.
This project will provide Ormiston Endeavour Academy with a purpose built 2-storey, 300-place teaching block, including a range of modern learning environments designed to support the school's growing needs. The development includes eleven general classrooms, two ICT classrooms, a library and learning resource centre, group teaching spaces, a dining hall, and a variety of staff support and meeting facilities. The building has been designed to create a flexible and inclusive learning environment, with accessible facilities throughout, including lift access and dedicated accessible WCs. Once complete, the new teaching block will significantly enhance the educational facilities available to pupils and staff at Ormiston Endeavour Academy, providing high-quality spaces to support teaching, learning and collaboration for years to come.
The project is programmed to run for approximately 44 weeks with a completion date of Summer 2027.
We commenced on site on 08/09/2026, and so far, works have been progressing well. We will keep you up to date with the works on site as we continue to move forward.

UPCOMING WORKS
Works commenced on site this month with the successful establishment of the temporary site compound, including welfare facilities and the installation of a gatesman hut to manage access and maintain the safety of staff, pupils and visitors throughout the construction period.
Over the past few days, the project team has been focused on the excavation and removal of the existing MUCA court, allowing preparations for the new teaching block foundations to commence. These early works are progressing in line with programme and represent an important first step in the transformation of the site. Looking ahead, the next key activities will include reduced level dig operations, setting out of the building footprint

WAYNE FLEET
SENIOR CONTRACTS MANAGER
Office based. Overall project management.

PHIL MOORE
SITE MANAGER
Site based. Manage site activities and safety.

WILL O'MALLEY
QUANTITY SURVEYOR
Office based. Responsible for managing cost.

and the construction of foundations. During October, works will progress with the excavation and installation of the attenuation tank, followed by the erection of the structural steel frame in late October. The steelwork installation will mark a significant milestone for the project, as the new teaching block begins to take shape above ground and the vision for the development becomes increasingly visible.

WHAT YOU MIGHT SEE AND HEAR
As works progress, local residents and school users may notice increased construction activity associated with excavation works, including the use of excavators, dumpers and delivery vehicles. Foundation construction will involve earthmoving plant and concrete deliveries, while the installation of the attenuation tank will require excavation and lifting operations. Later in the autumn, the erection of the structural steel frame will introduce crane operations, steel deliveries and the use of specialist fixing tools for the assembly of the frame, as the new teaching block begins to take shape above ground.

These works will continue to progress in line with our construction programme, with every effort made to minimise disruption to the school and surrounding community.

DELIVERIES AND SITE TRAFFIC
The site continues to use the site entrance from Defoe Road, which means vehicle access into the main school area is strictly prohibited.

We're pleased to see works continue to plan and Barnes Construction and Ormiston Endeavour Academy would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued patience whilst the works continue.

COMMUNITY UPDATE
We are committed to delivering lasting social value alongside the construction of the new teaching block. Throughout the project, we will be working closely with Ormiston Endeavour Academy to provide a range of educational and community initiatives, including work experience opportunities for students, attendance at school careers events, site visits and regular project updates through newsletters and assemblies. The project will also create opportunities for apprentices, trainees and T-Level students, helping to develop the next generation of construction professionals. We are targeting the use of local labour and supply chain partners wherever possible, ensuring that the investment in the new teaching block delivers benefits to the wider Suffolk community. As construction progresses, we look forward to celebrating key project milestones with the school, including steel signing events and providing pupils and staff with the opportunity to be directly involved in the development of their new facilities.

CONSIDERATE CONSTRUCTORS SCHEME
A Considerate Constructors Scheme visit has not yet taken place. We will provide an update in a future newsletter once further information is available.

Thank you for reading our newsletter.
Regards
Wayne

Some Positive feedback from the Community

We received a lovely message this week about some of our students and how well they represented the school whilst in the local community – 'Boys were a credit to your school; teenage role models' 'All 5 were so polite, thankful, respectful'. This is the type of feedback we love to hear and share with you.

Breakfast Club – Free Breakfast Club Available Every Morning!

Did you know our Breakfast Club is completely free for all students? It's a great way to start the day with a healthy breakfast, time to socialise with friends, and be ready to learn. We look forward to welcoming students each morning! Breakfast Club starts at 7.30am - latest entry is 08.05am.



Lateness to School

Students should be at their P1 lesson at 8:30am, ready to be met by their P1 teacher and for registration to take place. Any students who arrive after the register has been taken will be marked with a Late and issued with a 30 min detention. Students can come into the Academy at 08.25am.

Attendance

Regular attendance is essential to help pupils make the most of their learning and school experience. Every day in school provides valuable opportunities to learn, build friendships and develops important skills. We kindly ask parents and carers to ensure that pupils arrive at school on time each day. If your child is unwell and unable to attend, please inform the school no later than 08.30am, either by calling the school on 01473 464545 or by emailing attendance@oeacademy.co.uk

Autumn Term Dates

Friday 23rd October 2026 – Staff Training (Academy closed to Students)

Monday 26th October 2026 – Friday 30th October 2026: Half Term

Friday 4th December 2026 – Staff Training (Academy closed to Students)

Friday 18th December 2026 – Last Day of Autumn Term

Monday 21st December 2026 – Sunday 3rd January 2027: Christmas Holiday